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SUBJ: ICAO: DEN/ICE III CONFERENCE: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF US
WORKING PAPER

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 3 (A) OF US POSITION PAPER ON AGENDA
ITEM 5 (REVIEW OF CERTAIN ARTICLES OF DANISH AND ICELANDIC JOINT
FINANCING AGREEMENTS), USDEL ON MARCH 1 ASKED GERMAN DEL
WHETHER FRG WOULD INCLUDE IN ITS PROPOSAL CALLING FOR STUDY IN
PRINCIPLES OF COST SHARING, QUESTION OF MORE EQUITABLE PLACEMENT
OF PRESENT 40 DEGREE NORTH PARALLEL BOUNDARY WHICH DETERMINES AREA
TO WHICH JOINT FINANCING IS APPLIED. GERMANS DECLINED WITHOUT
HESITATION.

2. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SINCE DETERMINED FROM FRG, UK AND ITALIAN
DELEGATES THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT INCLUSION IN THE STUDY CALLED
FOR BY GERMANY OF AN EXPANDED REVIEW TO COVER MORE EQUITABLE COST
SHARING ARRANGEMENTS RESULTING FROM CHANGING THE BOUNDARY AND
PROVIDED THAT SUCH PROPOSAL WAS MADE BY OTHERS.

3. WE THEREFORE REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL TO HAVE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION PAPER CIRCULATED AT CONFERENCE: QUOTE: PROPOSAL FOR
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STUDY OF CERTAIN ARTICLES OF THE JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS
WITH DENMARK AND ICELAND.

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES NOTES THE PROPOSAL OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CONTAINED IN WORKING PAPER 17, TO HAVE STUDY
CARRIED OUT TO DETERMINE WHETHER DEVELOPMENTS OF NORTH ATLANTIC AIR
TRAFFIC OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS STILL JUSTIFY THE APPLICATION OF
PRINCIPLES OF COST SHARING AS LAID DOWN IN ARTICLES II, VII PARA 1,

AND IX PARA 1 OF THE TWO JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS. US BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE A REVIEW OF PARA 1 ARTICLE VII IN ITS ENTIRETY. THIS REVIEW SHOULD INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER, IN THE LIGHT OF AIR TRAFFIC DEVELOPMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE, THE 40 NORTH BOUNDARY STILL PROVIDES AN EQUITABLE AND VALID BASIS FOR DETERMINING CROSSING FIGURES. UNQUOTE.

4. FYI: AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (ATA) REP ON USDEL HAS INFORMED USDEL THAT ITS AIR CARRIERS NOW FLYING NORTH OF 40 DEGREES PARALLEL NORTH (PAN AM, TWA AND NATIONAL) WOULD SUPPORT AND BENEFIT FROM SUBSTANTIAL MOVEMENT TO NORTH OF LINE FOR COUNTING CROSSINGS. THIS OVERALL BENEFIT WOULD OCCUR DESPITE HIGHER USER CHARGES THAT ALL FLIGHTS (SCHEDULED, NON-SCHEDULED, GENERAL AVIATION) FLYING NEAR OR OVER GREENLAND AND ICELAND ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE TO PAY UNDER ANY SUCH ADJUSTMENT. US GENERAL AVIATION FLIGHTS OPERATING INTO GREENLAND AND ICELAND COULD BE SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN USER CHARGES IN SAME MANNER AS ARE US SCHEDULED AND NON-SCHEDULED AIR CARRIER FLIGHTS OPERATING IN THESE NORTHERN AREAS WITH NORTHWARD MOVEMENT OF THE 40 DEGREE BOUNDARY. END FYI. ERICKSEN

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